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Governor's Public Health Conference - Celebrating Ten Years

by the Local Public Health Program, KDHE



2015 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Kansas Governor's Public Health Conference! This year's conference in Wichita, April 28 - 30, will feature nationally recognized keynote speakers on topics including the changing landscape of public health, public health ethics, sexual exploitation and human trafficking, and the public health implications of marijuana. In addition, a wide selection of breakout sessions tailored to meet the changing needs of the populations served through public health programs and initiatives will be offered.

The Maternal Child Health and Healthy Start Home Visitor tracks will address baby behavior/ infant development, father involvement, substance exposed newborns, and toxic stress. The Public Health track will include hot topics in epidemiology, strategies for physical activities and wellness, multi-jurisdictional sharing, public health accreditation, supporting schools to implement school wellness programs, plus an array of other topics. Click the image of the capitol to download this year's brochure and registration information. Early bird registration deadline is April 6.

2nd Quarter Regional Public Health Meetings Begin April 9

*by Teri Caudle, Public Health Nurse Specialist,
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Don't miss the opportunity to attend one of the upcoming regional public health meetings aimed to connect local health departments (LHD) with programs and best practices that will benefit the work you do within your communities. These meetings are designed for the local LHD administrator; however, any staff person interested in a particular topic is welcome to attend. Register on KS-TRAIN <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID: [1056413](#).

The agenda includes the following: EpiTrax Upcoming Changes and Trainings; Kansas HPV Vaccination Project: Working Together to Protect Our Youth; Population Monitoring in the Aftermath of a Radiation Incident. The dates and locations are:

- April 9 – Chanute (SE)
- May 6 – Hutchinson (SC)
- May 21 – Oakley (NW)
- May 22 – Garden City (SW)
- June 3 – Beloit (NC)
- June 9 – Topeka (NE)

If you have ideas for regional meeting topics please contact Teri Caudle at tcaudle@kdheks.gov



National Public Health Week - April 6 - 12

by American Public Health Association



The American Public Health Association (APHA) challenges all public health advocates to [sign the pledge to help create the Healthiest Nation in One Generation](#).

The National Public Health Week website features factsheets, downloadable items and a user-friendly toolkit. The 2015 toolkit will offer concrete steps and a checklist for anyone wanting to attend a National Public Health Week event, host an event, organize on campus or help promote National Public Health Week in his or her community. The toolkit also explains how public health advocates can partner with health departments, community groups and other organizations to maximize their impact.

Visit the [National Public Health Week website](#) today to sign up for updates and to download the 2015 brochure.

Join Team Up for Kansas Kids - Take the Pledge

by the Kansas Health Foundation



The Kansas Health Foundation is committed to providing all Kansans with the opportunity to live a healthy life. They look to achieve this by promoting wellness in schools, neighborhoods, and communities. While medical professionals are curing cancers and managing chronic diseases, the Kansas Health Foundation takes proactive steps in public health to provide communities funding to think of ways to prevent disease and injury. Kansans in your community and across the state are implementing educational programs, developing policies, and conducting research to help achieve healthier communities.

Team Up for Kansas Kids is one of those initiatives funded by the [Kansas Health Foundation](#). Nearly one-third of Kansas kids between the ages of 10 and 17 are overweight or obese. Two-thirds of American high school students aren't active enough to raise their heart rates for the recommended 60 minutes every day. As a nation, we all end up paying dearly to offset the negative effects of obesity and poor health.

But there's a solution. Quality nutrition and physical activity prevents sick days, obesity, and other chronic diseases, also healthy eating and exercise improves academic performance. Both are consistently linked to improved concentration in class, lower rates of absenteeism, and higher test scores.

While there has been a disconnect between parents and educators, even though the school-family collaboration is instrumental in creating the healthy environments kids need to succeed. When asked, 86 percent of Kansas parents indicated that they are hungry for more information about school wellness guidelines and practices.

Team Up for Kansas Kids is a state-wide effort designed to close that gap by facilitating constructive partnerships between school leaders and families that will ensure healthy futures for Kansas kids.

The website, TeamUpforKansasKids.com, provides a repository of best practices, how-to guides, and valuable resources to help facilitate positive partnerships between families and school leaders to improve children's wellbeing. Since its launch in November 2014, more than 5,300 unique users have visited the site.

In addition to the website, The Kansas Health Foundation utilizes social media and e-newsletters to share valuable information, including communications with organizations such as [Kansas Action for Children](#) and the [Midwest Dairy Council](#).

Child Care Licensing Town Hall Tour 2015

by Lori Steelman, Program Director, Child Care Licensing Bureau of Family Health, KDHE



A Child Care Licensing Town Hall Tour has been scheduled between February 10 and April 7. The purpose of the 14 county tour is to have face to face, open discussion with child care providers, parents and community stakeholders regarding system improvements as well as perceived barriers in the licensing process. The meetings will serve as a forum to inform attendees of new initiatives and available services at the local and state levels. Local health departments and agency partners will have the opportunity to provide program and service information.

The meeting will include a short overview of the child care licensing program. This will not be specific to regulations, rather the broader system. The information attained from the discussion will guide the state to continued quality improvement for Kansas children.

Dates and location information can be found on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>, Course ID# 1054858, by clicking the logo above to download the Town Hall Flier and also on the [Kansas Department of Health and Environment Child Care Licensing](#) website. All meetings will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dare to Compare, Non-Dairy Drinks vs Milk

by Marley Sugar, Health and Wellness Program Manager Midwest Dairy Council



Think non-dairy drinks are more nutritious? Thousands of research studies support the benefits of milk. It is naturally nutrient-rich and affordable, like no other beverage available. It contains nutrients we need in quantities that are hard to replace through other foods and beverages. [Learn more](#) about how dairy is the real deal.

Kansas Health Statistics Reports Reviews Poisoning Deaths of Kansas Residents Due to Drugs

by Greg Crawford, Director Vital Statistics Data Analysis, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



Poisoning Deaths of Kansas Residents Due to Drugs, 2009 - 2013, in the February issue of *Kansas Health Statistics Report*, reviews the almost 2,000 drug-related resident deaths during that period. The number of deaths has been increasing. The use of alcohol and one drug or multiple drugs were associated with almost seven out of ten of the deaths during the five year period. Kansas Health Statistics Report is published quarterly by the Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics. For more details, visit: <http://www.kdheks.gov/phi/khsnews/khs63.pdf>.

Office of Communications - The Dispatch

by the Office of Communications, KDHE



The Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Office of Communications recently recorded a new episode for the Dispatch, a video series posted to YouTube which spotlights programs in the agency. In this episode you will hear from Virginia Barnes and Ginger Park with the Bureau of Health Promotion about risks of heart disease and how you can keep your heart healthy. Click the image to play the YouTube video.

Help End Violence in Your Community

from the Public Health Foundation website



The Public Health Foundation (PHF) envisions a strong public health system with healthy practices, healthy people, and healthy places. In order for this to be achieved, public health and healthcare professionals must individually and collectively work to address the issue of interpersonal violence. By providing helpful resources, PHF works to improve population health. [Find new materials on preventing and intervening in violent situations](#), as well as tips on how to step in on someone else's behalf who may be at risk.

Community Health Status Indicators Web Application Now Interactive

by Greg Crawford, Director, Vital Statistics Data Analysis

Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



Counties engaging in community health assessment/community health improvement plans (CHA/CHIP) should review the updated Community Health Status Indicators (CHSI) site from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This site formerly prepared booklets of comparisons of health indicators for all counties in the U.S.

CHSI 2015 is an interactive web application that produces health profiles for all 3,143 counties in the United States. Each profile includes key indicators of health outcomes, which describe the population health status of a county and factors that have the potential to influence health outcomes, such as health care access and quality, health behaviors, social factors and the physical environment. The new version of the site, presents the county health indicators in a grid of six indicator categories ranking them better, moderate or worse than the peer counties in the U.S. The site enables a quick assessment of problem areas for counties looking to improve health outcomes. Clicking on a given indicator provides a chart that includes a distribution of the county of interest compared to all the other counties in the U.S. Description and statistics are available at other tabs.

Many of these indicators are also available on [Kansas Health Matters](#) (KHM) but there are some important distinctions. CHSI results represent a relative ranking. The ranking is among peer counties from throughout the U.S. Most KHM indicators use the state average for comparison. As with any CHA/CHIP this information is considered secondary data and should be augmented by primary data gathered from the community as part of the process.

The new CHSI 2015 site is <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/CommunityHealth/home>.

Accreditation Corner

Searching for Public Health Improvement Resources



The [Public Health Improvement Resource Center](#) from the Public Health Foundation is new and improved. Use the Advanced Search engine to filter resources by Accreditation Domain, any of the 10 Essential Services, or other improvement topics. The refreshed site features updated and additional resources, including a new Public Health and Healthcare category of materials. [Learn about all of the new features of the Public Health Improvement Resource Center](#).

Teams Toolbox for QI Team Formation

The Teams Toolbox from the Public Health Foundation is a set of online resources to assist with quality improvement team formation, chartering, management, improvement, and monitoring. It includes articles and tools from numerous experts as a supplement to the [Public Health Quality Improvement Encyclopedia](#). [Browse these latest tools to help set up your next quality improvement project with a team built for success](#).

Funding Opportunities

Community of Practice for Health Impact Assessment - Deadline April 15

from the NACCHO website



In partnership with Health Impact Project, the National Association of City County Health Organizations (NACCHO) is pleased to accept applications for the [Community of Practice for Health Impact Assessment](#) (HIA). NACCHO has a long history of supporting efforts to promote HIA practice at local health departments (LHD). Applications will only be accepted online by April 15, 4:00 p.m.

Through this initiative, NACCHO is continuing to foster HIA practice and leadership among LHD-based practitioners by instituting a Community of Practice (CoP). The CoP will be made up of LHD-based HIA practitioners from across the country. The aim of the group is to advance HIAs among LHDs by providing a peer-to-peer collaborative environment; sharing relevant HIA information and innovative models of practice and lessons learned; and increasing access to technical assistance and other educational information or skill-building opportunities.

For more information about the project, please see: [Factsheet](#); [FAQs document](#); and [Copy of the application](#). Please submit your application [here](#). Questions? Please email healthycommdesign@naccho.org.

Community Tool Box Hosting Out of the Box Prize - Deadline April 30

by the Work Group for Community Health and Development, KU



The Community Tool Box is celebrating its 20th anniversary by hosting an Out of the Box Prize to honor exemplary approaches to promoting community health and development happening in communities worldwide. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$5,000; a Second Prize winner will receive \$3,000. All finalists' stories will be featured from the [Community Tool Box](#) website.

Your community group's work may involve activities to improve community health, education, urban or rural development; or to address poverty, the environment, or promote social justice.

The Work Group for Community Health and Development at the University of Kansas invites you to enter the contest, and encourages you to share contest information with others doing innovative work to improve life in their communities. To learn more, please [download an application form](#) or [click here](#) to apply now. Closing date for applications is April 30.

The Community Tool Box has been creating and disseminating practical guidance about community health and development online since 1995. We invite you to [visit us](#), where you will find over 300 how-to-do-it instructional modules, with over 7000 pages of text.

Summer Food Service Program - Because Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation

by Child Nutrition and Wellness, KSDE



Summer Food Service Program

Child Nutrition & Wellness, KSDE

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), at the Kansas State Department of Education, provides free, nutritious meals and snacks to help children in low-income areas get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow, throughout the summer months when they are out of school.

Schools, public agencies, and private nonprofit organizations may apply to become a sponsor and receive reimbursement for food service to enhance their education or recreation program. Applications are due May 1 of each year. Click the Summer Food Service Program logo to learn more.

Save the Date!
Kansas Public Health Association 72nd Annual Conference
September 16 - 17, Hilton Garden Inn, Manhattan



Training and Conference Announcements

Improving Children's Health Through The Interaction Of Pediatricians And Public Health - April 9 Webinar



Collaborative partnerships between pediatrics and public health professionals are critical for addressing today's child health challenges. Working together, the two fields have the opportunity to improve child health at the individual and population level. In this one hour webinar, [Improving Children's Health through the Interaction of Pediatricians and Public Health](#), is presented by the [American Academy of Pediatrics Public Health Special Interest Group](#) and will be broadcast at 11 a.m. CT. Learn how pediatricians have effectively engaged public health systems and professionals, to promote child health in their communities.

The webinar will include practical strategies for building collaborative partnerships, and strategies for identifying and maximizing collaboration opportunities.

Midwest Stroke Boot Camp - April 23, KCMO

from the American Heart and American Stroke Associations



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The [Midwest Stroke Boot Camp](#) will be held Thursday, April 23 at the InterContinental Hotel, Kansas City, MO. If you are a new recruit, veteran stroke coordinator or just want to learn more about the role, Stroke Coordinator Boot Camp is for you! Boot Camp will advance your arsenal and equip the Stroke Coordinator with additional reserves to enhance skills in going above and beyond the call of duty. Exclusive to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Midwest Affiliate hospitals, this camp will provide best practices for improving stroke care and will promote networking with professionals across the region.

In collaboration with the Midwest Stroke Boot Camp the Kansas City Stroke Rehabilitation Conference will be Friday, April 24, at the University of Kansas Hospital. This learning event is presented by the Bi-State Stroke Consortium, Rehabilitation Institute of KC and HealthSouth Mid America Rehabilitation Hospital. Topics include comprehensive rehabilitation after stroke, early recognition and rapid transport, community based wellness, research, post stroke recovery and palliative care. For the complete agenda and registration information, click the logo above.

Billing and Coding Training for Kansas Local Health Departments

*by Aaron Davis, Center for Community Support and Research
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A Kansas Local Health Department (LHD) specific billing and coding training will take place on Wednesday, June 3 in Wichita at the Hotel in Old Town. This will be an all-day learning event and is being developed by the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC) with input from various local health departments. The training will aim to educate departments on correct coding procedures, maximizing revenues with evaluation and management codes, immunization administration and management, and the essential elements of ICD-10. All material covered will be directly related to LHD services.

With funds secured through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Immunization Program in conjunction with the Center for Community Support and Research (CCSR) at Wichita State University will be covering the costs for one participant from each LHD. Additional registrants are welcome and will be billed directly by AAPC at \$295.00 per additional participant.



There will be an online version of the training available after June 3. Departments who cannot make the in-person training will be allowed to register for the online version. The deadline for registration for both the in-person and the online version is Friday, May 1.



For more details on the training and to register for the course, log onto <http://ks.train.org>, Billing and Coding Training for Kansas Local Health Departments, Course ID 1055866. Contact Aaron Davis with the Center for Community Support and Research for more information at 316-978-5884 or aaron.davis@wichita.edu.

On-Demand Continuing Education Webinars Available for Nurses, Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Educators



The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) offers web-based continuing education for nurses, nurse practitioners, case managers, staff educators and nurse practitioner faculty. Eligible professionals can view recorded webinars that highlight resources such as the National Guidelines Clearinghouse, the Electronic Preventive Services Selector and the Improving Patient Safety in Long-Term Care Facilities training modules. The webinars offer practical insights on how these resources can be integrated into education and practice. [Registration](#) is open.

Kansas Cancer Partnership Promotes Colorectal Cancer Education and Screening

by the Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE



On behalf of the Kansas Cancer Partnership, Dr. Gary Doolittle, Chair, has provided the following message for the public health and healthcare workforce. Each year nearly 1,400 Kansans are diagnosed with colorectal cancer (CRC) and more than 500 Kansans die of the disease, making colorectal cancer a leading cause of cancer death in the state. CRC can be eliminated if detected early before cancerous polyps have a chance to grow and spread. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for CRC using fecal occult blood testing, sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy in adults age 50 to 75 years. USPSTF also recommends patient reminders for increasing CRC screening rates. The Kansas Cancer Partnership is promoting CRC education and screening with FREE 50th birthday cards, patient screening reminders and education materials, including select Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Screen for Life materials. Please join us in educating fellow Kansans and helping to reduce the burden of cancer in Kansas! Click the logo to access the 2015 Colorectal Cancer Awareness material order form.

CDC Announces the Public Health 101 Series

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health 101 Series, provides foundational teaching tools and learning products covering critical sciences essential to public health practice. The fundamental scientific components are wide and varied, spanning topics from the fields of epidemiology, health economics, data management, and laboratory science, to public health policy.



These learning products are designed for:

- Public health professionals
- Persons new to public health
- Public health educators, instructors, or leads in specific fields
- Those interested in pursuing public health careers

Whether you are a seasoned professional with decades of experience looking for Power-Point presentations to use to teach others the basics or someone new to the field searching for e-learning products to introduce you to public health sciences, the Public Health 101 Series can meet your needs.

Hepatitis C Education Offered Through Region VII ATTC Center

from the ATTC website



HCV (HCV) Current is a national initiative among the Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) Regional Centers to increase Hepatitis C knowledge among medical and behavioral health professionals. To disseminate the latest on the rapidly evolving field of HCV, this initiative provides comprehensive resources for health professionals, including:

- Online and in-person curriculum and training
- Downloadable provider tools
- Region-specific resources

[Click here to download an overview of the HCV Current initiative.](#) HCV Current is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Free online training includes:

HCV Snapshot - An Introduction to Hepatitis C for Health Care Professionals: A 90-minute online course providing an overview of HCV. The four self-paced modules cover: populations at risk, overview of HCV, screening processes, and treatment options. Continuing education is available. Register for the course at: <http://www.healthknowledge.org>.

Increasing Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health and Medical Providers: A six-hour training curriculum that builds on the basics of the HCV Snapshot course. The five modules cover opportunities for promoting hepatitis c screening and testing, linking patients to treatment, available treatment options, and patient considerations for treatment. Curriculum can be downloaded free of cost. In addition, in-person trainings will take place nationally. See the [Training & Events](#) calendar on the HCV Current website for a schedule of trainings near you.

New Diabetes Education Online Course for Clinicians from CDC

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Learning Connection produced a one hour web-based course for clinicians, Preventing Adverse Drug Events: Individualizing Glycemic Targets Using Health Literacy Strategies, Course ID 1053294 on KS-TRAIN at <http://ks.train.org>. This interactive e-Learning lesson teaches health care providers how to:

- Apply health literacy strategies to provide personalized care for patients with diabetes and to help them understand and act on information to prevent hypoglycemia
 - Apply current, evidence-based guidelines for individualizing glycemic target goals
 - Adopt the teach back method and shared decision-making in the health care setting
- Continuing education credits are available for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

News and Resources



Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) hosts a Population Health and Preparedness Statewide Call on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. The next call will be April 28. To view minutes from the monthly calls, click the KDHE logo.



Worried About a Zombie Plague? Mathematics Might Help Prepare You

The research team from Cornell University's Physics Department recently completed a paper [called "The Statistical Mechanics of Zombies."](#) In their paper, they tweaked the mathematical models that are already used to study disease spread to imagine what would happen in a zombie apocalypse. They found an outbreak of zombies would probably be much like a viral outbreak – but with a few key differences. Click the Cornell logo for more information.

Bioterrorism Prep: Docs Must Look Out for Rare Diseases



It has now been more than a decade since the anthrax attack that killed five people and sickened 17 in New York and Washington, D.C., and many physicians may have forgotten how to diagnose and treat illnesses related to a biological attack, said Dr. Amesh Adalja, an infectious-disease specialist and a senior associate at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Center for Health Security. For this reason, Adalja and his colleagues have now outlined how to identify and treat five diseases that experts say have the most potential to be used as biological weapons, including anthrax, smallpox, plague, botulism and tularemia. The review, published in the [March 5 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine](#), includes information about new treatments that have been developed for these diseases since 2001. Click the Livescience logo to read the complete article.

Almost 30 Countries Suffer From Weaker Health Systems Than Ebola-hit West Africa, Putting Millions At Risk



Health systems throughout the developing world need to be strengthened to prevent another Ebola-style outbreak, or worse, warns Save the Children in its new report '[A Wake Up Call: Lessons from Ebola for the world's health systems](#)'. The report ranks the world's poorest countries on the state of their public health systems, finding that 28 have weaker defenses in place than Sierra Leone where, alongside Liberia and Guinea, the current Ebola crisis has already claimed more than 9,500 lives. The report also advises that prevention is better than cure, finding that the international Ebola relief effort in West Africa has cost \$4.3 billion, whereas strengthening the health systems of those countries in the first place would have cost just \$1.58 billion. Click the logo above to access the full report.

Public Health Study Demonstrates Major Disparity in Opinion Regarding Causes of Health Problems Between Rich and Poor



In a poll from the National Public Radio, researchers from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation prove that it is quite clear that the poor and the rich have very different viewpoints on what determines "good health." The study finds that people who make less than \$25,000 a year are more likely to point at the conditions of their neighborhood or housing or their workplace as the cause for their health issues than people who earn at least \$75,000. To read the complete article click the logo above.

1.1 Billion People at Risk of Hearing Loss



Some 1.1 billion teenagers and young adults are at risk of [hearing loss](#) due to the unsafe use of personal audio devices, including smartphones, and exposure to damaging levels of sound at noisy entertainment venues such as nightclubs, bars and sporting events, according to the World Health Organization.

Latent Tuberculosis Infection Mobile Application for Health Care Providers



The Guide for Diagnosis and Treatment mobile app for healthcare providers makes it easy to access the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI) recommendations. Click the CDC logo to access the mobile app. The app features include:

- Table of treatment options
- TB testing and diagnosis recommendations
- TB education and training resources

Healthy People 2020 Releases Oral Health Data

Healthy People 2020 just released its latest oral health data. Oral health is one of 26 leading health indicators which communicate high-priority health issues. The oral health leading health indicator measures the number of children, adolescents and adults who visited the dentist in the last year. This data includes dental visits by gender and education level, along with informational infographics. Click the logo for more information.



Education at a Distance: Virtual Classrooms Bring Healthcare Classes to Rural Areas



The Rural monitor recently highlighted three university programs that are embracing distance education to allow professionals to stay in their rural communities while earning a degree. University of Missouri-Kansas City was one of the university programs discussed. Click the logo to access the complete article.

Recommendations to America's Health Rankings Being Proposed for Implementation in 2015

On April 17, America's Health Rankings' Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) will convene for its yearly meeting at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Public Health to review the model used to calculate America's Health Rankings. SAC will discuss the following [proposed recommendations](#) for implementation in 2015:

- Change the binge drinking measure to excessive drinking.
- Refine the methodology used to calculate adolescent immunizations.
- Add total teeth extractions as an outcome.
- SAC will also discuss whether to add inadequate sleep, median household income, and income disparity as measures.



CDC Health Series Policy Highlights Public Health Opportunities



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Office of the Associate Director for Policy has produced a [series](#) of issue briefs highlighting opportunities for public health to collaborate with the health system to catalyze health system transformation. The briefs also include success stories to demonstrate how state and local public health practitioners can collaborate with the health system to catalyze health system transformation.

World Plumbing Month Highlights Modern Plumbing's Impact on Public Health

The introduction of closed sewer systems and the modern toilet dramatically improved the quality of health and increased quality of life for average citizens of developed countries. Cities across the world realized the best fix for stopping diseases and promoting sanitation was to install sewer systems that took hazardous waste away from homes and city streets. Click the World Plumbing logo to read the complete article and play a short video on plumbing and public health.



Profile of the Public Health Workforce: Registered (CDC) TRAIN Learners in the United States



Analyzed data from the TrainingFinder Real-time Affiliate Integrated Network (TRAIN), the most widely used public health workforce training system in the United States, to describe the public health workforce and characteristics of individual public health workers. Click the TRAIN logo to access the report summary.

Office of Minority Health Develops Data Widgets

The [Office of Minority Health](#) has a [new widgets link](#) to the latest trends and data on racial and ethnic minority health. Use the widget on your website and offer your audience a shortcut to detailed health profiles and free access to the largest repository of minority health and health disparities information in the nation.



Updated National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan Released



The updated [National Health Security Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015 - 2018](#) (NHSS/IP) was recently released. This strategy builds on progress made since the original NHSS/IP, which was released in 2009, and provides strategic direction and an updated, streamlined approach to increasing our national health security. NHSS's goal is to strengthen and sustain communities' abilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to, and recover from incidents with negative health consequences. NHSS also describes its vision and goal for national health security and identifies five strategic objectives, including priorities to be considered over the next four years.

Community Development and Public Health Videos Published



[Health Resources in Action](#) and its partners have published [three videos](#) about community development and public health, as well as a report, [The Business Case for Healthy Development and Health Impact Assessments](#). These tools will support developers and practitioners as they integrate health into development initiatives.

Job Postings

Applications are being accepted for the positions listed below.

Finney County Health Department

- [Advanced Practical Registered Nurse](#)
- [Records Clerk](#)

Ford County Health Department

- [Public Health Nurse](#)

Reno County Health Department

- [Assistant Director](#)
- [Public Health Nurse Standby \(PRN\)](#)
- [Preparedness Coordinator Grant Funded](#)
- [Receptionist/Clerk Part-Time 24 Hours](#)

Riley County Health Department

- [Health Educator](#)

Sedgwick County Health Department

- [Advanced Practice Registered Nurse/Physician Assistant](#)
- [Assistant Finance Manager](#)
- [Health Promotion Program Coordinator](#)
- [Mobil Immunization Nurse](#)
- [Part Time Fetal Infant Mortality Review \(FIMR\) Chart Abstractor](#)
- [WIC Clerk](#)

Shawnee County Health Agency

- [EPCO Specialist \(Health Agency\) \\$17.41 Per Hour](#)
- [Office Assistant II \(Health Agency –LHD\)](#)
- [Licensed Practical Nurse \(Primary Care-Women's Health-Float\)](#)
- [Mid-Level Practitioner \(Primary Care\)](#)
- [Office Assistant II \(Health Agency –LHD\)](#)
- [RN \(Primary Care-Women's Health-Float\)](#)
- [Social Worker-MSW-LHD](#)



Career opportunities at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment can be found [here](#).

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